Liber K. To his Excellency the Governor and the honble Councill
The petition of Thomas Kenniston of Calvert County

humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner leased out to one Thomas Souch of Calvert County aforesaid a tract of Land for a certain yearly rent, for which and some other dealings between your Petitioner and the said Souch, he the said Souch became indebted to your Petitioner a certain Sum of Tobacco that the said Souch having made a crop upon the said plantation paid away the same to one Thomas Bridges, taking no Care to satisfy your Petitioner his just Dues aforesaid thereupon your Petitioner thinking he might distrain or seize upon his own Land for his rent &ca did accordingly seize the Tobacco paid, by the said Souch to the said Bridges, & by him marked nailed &ca which your Petitioner altered & Scratched out the mark and paid the same again to another Person for which he was Indicted by the said Bridges at the County Court upon the Statute, where he was convicted and adjudged to pay four fold and stand in the Pillory according to the forme of the said Statute

Your Petitioner humbly offers to your Exc^{llcys} & Honours consideration his ignorance altogether in the Law which mooved him to such irregular and rash proceedings he hath been an ancient Inhabitant and well behaved himself in the said County amongst his Neighbours and never before known to have wittingly or willingly transgressed the Laws of the Country humbly prays your Excellencys Clemency to excuse and remitt him from the corporall Punishment due to him according to the said statute

And shall pray &c²

Which Petition was granted according to the following order Viz^t

By the Governor & Councill Nov^r 18th 1692

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Upon a petition this day preferred to this board by Thos Kenniston of Calvert County, Ordered that he be and he is hereby remitted from any corporall punishment or disgrace due to him by Act of Assembly for the remarking altering or taking away the tobacco of Thomas Bridges whereof he was Convicted at Calvert County aforesaid.

Signed p Order

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